

DHFS Major Responsibility Areas

Division of Care and Treatment Facilities

The division administers institutional care and treatment programs for persons who are developmentally disabled, mentally ill, substance abusers or sexually violent and who cannot be appropriately served in a community setting.

- Centers for the Developmentally Disabled: Northern, Central and Southern
- Mental Health Institutes: Mendota and Winnebago
- The Wisconsin Resource Center: Provides care and custody for convicted offenders who have mental health or substance abuse needs and whose needs cannot be met in a traditional prison environment.
- Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center: Care for persons who are civilly committed because they are considered dangerous due to a mental disorder that makes it substantially probable they would engage in acts of sexual violence.

Division of Children and Family Services

The division is responsible for services, issues and programs affecting children and families. The division also licenses and regulates child welfare programs, day care providers and out-of-home care providers throughout the State.

- Child Protective Services
- Milwaukee Child Welfare
- Out-of-Home Care
- Adoption of Special Needs and Minority Children
- Adoption Records Search
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Domestic Abuse Services
- Pregnancy Prevention
- Licensing of Children's Facilities

Division of Health Care Financing

The division provides access to health care for low income and medically needy persons. It also provides health care information to assist consumers in decisions on health care providers and health plans.

- Medicaid
- Health Care Systems and Operations
- Health Care Eligibility and Operations
- Health Care Program Integrity
- Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits
- Managed Health Care
- Health Information
- Disability Determination Services
- SeniorCare
- BadgerCare



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Division of Management and Technology

The division provides the following support services to the rest of the department:

- Information Technology
- Records and Publications
- Personnel and Employment Relations
- Affirmative Action and Civil Rights Compliance
- Fiscal Services
- Collections
- Purchasing
- Facilities Management
- Process Re-engineering

Division of Public Health

The division administers programs to promote and protect public health, prevent disease and disability and promote healthy behavior.

- Communicable Disease Prevention
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- Family and Community Health
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention

Division of Supportive Living

The division is responsible for services to older persons and persons with disabilities. The division also licenses and certifies health and community care providers and facilities and long term support programs serving its clients.

- Elderly
- Developmental Disabilities
- Persons with Physical Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- Long Term Support
- Sensory Disabilities
- Quality Assurance



Secretary's Office

The Secretary's Office provides the Department with overall leadership, direction and accountability for the Department. The following offices provide support for the Secretary's Office and for the whole Department:

- **Office of Legal Counsel**

Provides legal support and advice to the Secretary's Office and to the programs and divisions in the Department.

- **Office of Program Review and Audit**

Provides coordination of the Department's contract monitoring, audit and program review. The office is responsible for developing department-wide audit policies and for reviewing audits of agencies that receive DHFS funds.

- **Office of Strategic Finance**

Responsible for allocating and budgeting Departmental funds, managing and implementation of federal block grants, conducting department-wide strategic planning, developing and implementing the Departmental Evaluation Plan, overseeing county programs and Tribal affairs and developing and improving human services delivery systems.



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